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Serial No. **To be assigned**) Group Art Unit: **To be assigned**
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For: **A STRESS RELIEVING**) Customer No.
PERFUME AND A STRESS) ***26694***
RELIEVING PERFUME)
COMPOSITION CONTAINING)
THE SAME)
Atty. Docket No. **36427-176973**)

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

February 13, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request the entry of the following amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, and add claims 8 and 9 as follows:

1. (Amended) A stress relieving perfume comprising valerian oil as an active component.

4. (Amended) The stress relieving perfume composition comprising the perfume of claim 1.

5. (Amended) A method for relieving stresses comprising inhaling an effective quantity of valerian oil.

7. (Amended) A method for relieving stresses comprising using valerian oil as a stress relieving agent.

8. The stress relieving perfume composition comprising the perfume of claim 2.

9. The stress relieving perfume composition comprising the perfume of claim 3.

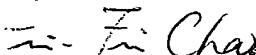
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the subject application. The subject application is a national stage in the United States of PCT/JP01/05261. Claims 1, 5, and 7 have been amended to accord with the USPTO practice; claim 4 has been amended to remove the multiple claim dependency; claims 8 and 9 have been added to accommodate the canceled subject matter in claim 4.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by this amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

The claim fee and other fees related to the filing of the subject application are submitted under a separate cover page. Should any other fee be required, please charge the same to deposit account number 22-0261 and notify the applicants' attorney.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 8 and 9 have been added.

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 7 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A stress relieving perfume wherein the active component is comprising valerian oil as an active component.
4. (Amended) The stress relieving perfume composition comprising the perfume according to any one of claims 1 to 3 of claim 1.
5. (Amended) A method of for relieving stresses characterized by comprising inhalation of inhaling an effective quantity of valerian oil.
7. (Amended) A method for relieving stresses comprising
Use of using valerian oil as a stress relieving agent.